

Misawa International Association News

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Bridge Class

Every Mondays
11:00 am - noon

ABC Circle

Every Wednesday,
10:30 am - 11:30 am

Join our cross-cultural exchange circle.
Make new friends as you learn some
Japanese as well as teach some English.

Survival Japanese

Start on Mon, 22 Sep
From 10:00 am - noon
Free childcare available

Japanese Intermediate Class

Start on Tue, 16 Sep
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Sign Up
NOW

Want to Join Us? Help us carry a "Mikoshi"!

Here's another unique opportunity to experience Japanese culture, hands-on! The Misawa International Association is looking for people who can help carry local *mikoshi*, for the Mikoshi Parade. A *mikoshi* is commonly translated as a "portable shrine" but is better understood as a deity palanquin, to allow the local deity to join the *matsuri*. All are welcome, sign up now!!!

When: Sat, 23 Aug at 4:00 pm.

Where: Meet at Sky Plaza Misawa "American Park" (Outside the gate)

Costs (non-refundable): Includes rental costumes, BBQ, drinks, and insurance.

Adults— ¥1,500 Children, 4 - 12 yrs: ¥500



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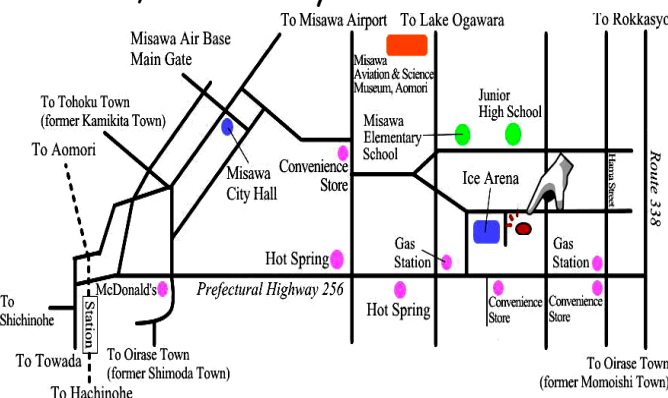
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Intercultural Exchange Message Board

Come and see our message board! Located in Misawa International Center Hall, near the International Exchange Lounge (if you're standing in the entrance way, the board is off to the left). This message board is for you!

Please post courteous messages or announcements for an intercultural exchange purpose such as English lessons, play dates for kids, advice in Japanese life and more. We look forward to your messages!



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Let's Give the Wenatchee Valley Delegates a Big Welcome!

This year marks the 33rd anniversary of the Sister Cities relationship between the cities of Misawa and Wenatchee and the 13th anniversary Sister Cities relationship with East Wenatchee City. The friendly relations between Misawa and these Washington state cities began in 1931, when on October 4th, U.S. American aviators piloted a red Bellanca J-300 airplane, the *Miss Veedol*, from Sabishiro Beach of Misawa to the hills of East Wenatchee, completing the first non-stop flight over the Pacific Ocean. In 1981, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Pacific crossing, the mayors of Misawa and Wenatchee decided to create a Sister Cities relationship to cement their bond of friendship as well as to promote peace between Japan and the US. This pact was officially signed on October 4th of that year by Mayor Suzuki of Misawa and by Chairman Hubert C. Blonk of the Wenatchee Sister City Association, in a special ceremony in the Misawa Civic Center. Mr. Blonk was accompanied by a 16-member delegation from Wenatchee as well.

In 2000, the "Wenatchee-Misawa Sister City Association" (based in Wenatchee) was renamed the "Wenatchee Valley-Misawa Sister City Association", when East Wenatchee City joined the Sister City relationship. During that year's delegation exchange, the mayor of East Wenatchee was one of the delegates. The mayor of Misawa said, "Being the take off point for Miss Veedol, Misawa would like to start a Sister City relationship with East Wenatchee as well, because of [East Wenatchee's] long-term history of exchanges with Misawa." The East Wenatchee mayor readily agreed and in the following year, the pact was formally established. In May 2001, a Treaty of Sister Cities was signed in a special ceremony in Wenatchee, and later, in August 2001, at the Miss Veedol Dome of Misawa. These signings would also commemorate the 70th anniversary of the *Miss Veedol* flight.

This year, on Tuesday, 19 August, the Wenatchee Valley delegates will arrive in Misawa City. During their stay, they will visit many places, such as Misawa Air Base and the Sabishiro Beach, and will learn about Japanese culture, such as the Japanese calligraphy, making sushi, and wearing a kimono. Then they will join the International Summer Parades on Sat, 23 Aug!

When you see the Wenatchee Valley delegates, please give them a big welcome and help them enjoy their visit in Misawa. Let's make this a memorable visit for everyone!

Summer Jamboree The 14th Manpuku Matsuri

Fri, 8 Aug, 3:00 pm
Sat, 9 Aug, 11:00 am - 7:00 pm
At the Chuo-Koen (aka Train Park)



This Manpuku Matsuri will be held over 2 days! Now you will have more opportunity to enjoy such local summer specialties as Chicken Curry, Garlic Ramen, Oirase, Skewered Pork, Red Wine Flavored Paika, Grilled Calamari, Yamazaki Pork Menchi-katsu, Misawa Garlic Curry and more!! Mouth watering?? Come hungry and eat your fill! After all, *manpuku matsuri* means a "a full stomach festival"!

Try their dart game! Once you have finished 2 different dishes, collected 2 stamps and filled out the questionnaire (on the flyer), you can try a dart. When you collected 5 stamps, you can try the dart game twice. Winners will receive prizes. There will be gift coupon giveaways to participants who have finished each dish and collected all 10 stamps from the food vendors.

Summer Festivals and Events

Misawa Matsuri

The *Misawa Matsuri* (Misawa Festival) is the biggest and most important festival of Misawa, which is held over 4 days. This year, the Misawa Festival will take place Aug 21 - 25 (Thurs - Sun).

This festival began in September 1925, to control the fire by making the gods of the Fudo Shrine 不動神社, Gongen Shrine 権現神社 and Yakushi Shrine 薬師神社 happy and . At the time, a fire was raging around the Furumagi section of town (near the Misawa Train Station).

The *Da-shi* 山車, or festival floats, are the main feature of the Misawa Festival and they parade around the city each day of the festival. The first dashi were rice carts. Gradually, inspired by the floats of the Hachinohe Sansha Taisai Festival 八戸三社大祭, the residents and merchants of Furumagi began to create more elaborate dashi and the rest of the neighborhoods of Misawa soon followed. Today, there are 14 neighborhood associations who enter a dashi in the Misawa Festival parades. The themes of the dashi are decided by each association. Popular themes include historic persons or events, animation characters (such as Totoro!) and TV show. Festival details are listed below. Enjoy the summer breeze as you travel back in time!

Thu, 21 Aug: Eve of the Misawa Festival, at Ms. Veedol Dome

At 6:00 pm, all 14 dashi will be on display while the annual Matsuri Bayashi Competition takes place. Come listen to the 14 neighborhood Japanese flute & drum corps as they beat it out for first place.

Fri, 22 Aug: Shrine Ceremony and Night Parade

At 2:30 pm, a ceremony will be held at the Gongen Shrine. Later, the dashi float parade will begin at 6:30 pm, on the 30-Meter Road. The dashi will move towards Misawa City Hall. Then they will turn left at the Sky Plaza Misawa intersection and parade down that road before turning left, back onto 30-Meter Road, to return to their starting point..

Sat, 23 Aug: Costume parade and International Summer Parade

Beginning at 1:00 pm, American Park: Live entertainment featuring Kagura (Shinto music and dance numbers) and local musical acts. The International Summer Festival begins.

3:00 pm: The Costume parade will kick off at Misawa City Hall and go up to Omachi intersection (near Max Value), then turn right onto Main Street (formerly Arcade Shopping Street), and then end at American Park.

4:00 pm: The Misawa Nagashi Odori (bon dance) will begin at Orange Park on Main street and end at American Park.

5:30 pm: The Mikoshi Parade will begin at Orange Park and end at American Park.

Sun, Aug 24, 1:00 pm

The 14 dashi will parade again, as a farewell until next year. The floats will start off at the Omachi Intersection and go down Main Street. Next the parade will turn right at Sky Plaza Misawa and take a break at Central Park (“Train Park”). Then the parade will return to 30-Meter Road, to return to the starting point.

Sun, 31 Aug: Misawa Port Festival at Misawa Fishing Port

The 30th Annual Misawa Port Festival will be held. Come and join the fun! Experience many events and customs unique to this fishing community.

Don’t miss the fireworks!!

8:00 am	Tosa-dog fighting	1:00 pm	Boat race (open to 16 yrs/+)
10:00 am	Cerebration Parade for Bountiful Catch	1:30 pm	Japan-US Boxing Match
10:30 am	TV charactor live performance	3:00 pm	TV character live performance
11:30 am	Yosakoi Dance Perfomance	7:00 pm	Display 6000 of Fireworks



HOKKI GUY

Hokki-guy is a fictional character who represent Misawa city. Hokkigai (pronounce “hoke-key guy”) which translates as “Outback Northern Clam”, but is better known in English as the Japanese Surf Clam. And it’s known as Misawa’s specialties. His body is designed based on Surf clam for his shoulder and he wears airplane shaped headdress as Sky City of Misawa. His mission is to spread a smile and to cheer up the region.



Let’s Speak in Nanbu! Part 8

Believe it or not, even though Japan is a small country, it has a variety of colorful accents and dialects. Not far from Misawa-- the area from southern Aomori to northern Iwate Prefectures--one of the main dialects is Nanbu-ben (ben 弁 means “dialect; speech-type”). Here are some useful expressions!



はやぐ ねねば あもっこ くるぞ

Hayagu nene-ba amo-kko kuru zo.

If you don’t go to bed early, monster will get you!

はやぐ hayagu: early / fast

あもっこ amo-kko: monster

Misawa Aviation & Science Museum Event Schedule

Science Show “Dig out a secret of Balloons”: Every day in August

1st session: 12 :30 am, 2nd session: 3:30 pm

Come and find out in our science lab! The exciting show is free, but participants need to pay the museum admission fee. Reservation is not required. Just directly check in at the lab as the schedule follow.

Summer Crafting at Science Lab: Fri, 1 Aug - Sun, 31 Aug at Science lab

Fri, 1 Aug - Sun, 24 Aug: 1st session: 11 :00 am - 11:30 am, 2nd session: 1:30 pm - 2:00 pm, 3rd session: 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Tue, 26 Aug - Sun, 31 Aug: 1st session: 11 :00 am - 11:30 am, 2nd session: 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Wonder what to do with your child during summer vacation? Come and join our craft workshop that will be held everyday in the lab. Please sign up at least 30 minutes prior to the schedule above. And workshop. limitedly up to 20 people. The fee is only ¥100 - ¥250 per person including materials. Children must be accompanied by an adult all the time.

3D Movie “Kamen rider” & “Pre-cure” at the AV multimedia Hall

Kamen rider (super hero masked rider) and Pre-cure (magical girl anime), they are very popular among Japanese young children.

Weekdays: (1) 10:00 am (2) 11:30 am (3) 1:00 pm (4) 2:30 pm

Weekends and 11 Aug - 15 Aug: (1) 10:00 am (2) 10:45 am (3) 11:30 am (4) 1:00 pm (5) 1:45 pm (6) 2:30 pm (7) 3:15pm

Fee is ¥300 for elementary school and junior high school student, ¥ 400 for high school student and older. There si a discount for a Free Pass Member!

Summer Festival at Ozora Hiroba (out side)

Sat, 9 Aug from 1:00 pm

Live show such as high school student band , local matured band live show will be featured.

Sun, 10 Aug from 10:00 am

Kids chorus “Mini Veedol”, local band live, Japanese TV super hero series “ToQger” show (11:30 am and 2:00 pm) , ”Sailing Live band show will be featured. Also Misawa’s local hero “HOKKI GUY” is coming!!!

Super Hero Show “Ressha Sentai ToQger” : Sun, 10 Aug at Ozora Hiroba (outside)

1st session: 11:30 am , 2nd session: 2:00 pm

Does your child like power ranger? Japanese television super hero series, a train mortified ToQger live show will be hold .

The show is free for everyone.

General Information: Misawa Aviation & Science Museum is open 9:00 am -5:00 pm, every day except Mondays.

If a Japanese holiday falls on a Monday, then the museum will be open on that Monday but will be closed the following day.

Admission: Adult ¥500; High School Student ¥300; Free for 15 years old and under. For more information, check out their website at <http://www.kokukagaku.jp/english.html>

And Not Far from Misawa City...

Towada Summer Festival

Thu, 14 Aug, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
At Towada City Athletics Track Field
(GPS coordinate: N40.60904 E141.205952)

Do you like fireworks? Come to Towada Summer Festival and enjoy their spectacular about 4000 fireworks display in downtown. Savoy festival food booths will be on the main street that near by. Parking lots are available at Sanbongi Junior High School ground for first comes first basis. If it rain on 14 Aug, it will postpone on 15 Aug.

Yokohama Town

Furusato Festival 2014

Thu, 14 Aug, 11:30 am - 7:30 pm
At various places of Yokohama Town

The festival featured Imoni-kai (Mihono Park from 11:30 am) , Catch fish (at Miho-river from noon), fireworks (at Yokohama fishery port from 7:30 pm).
Fireworks GPS coordinate
(N41.083688 E141.243460)

Shichinohe Summer Festival

Sat, 16 Aug from 10:30 am
At Shichinohe Central Park
(GPS coordinate: N40.739161, E141.164810)

Come to join the Japanese summer festival! Local entertainment such as Yosakoi Soran dance, and, ToQger live performance (12:10 pm and 2:00 pm), Music live show, Bon-odori (Bon dance, 5:00 pm) and fireworks (7:00 pm) will be

Tohoku Autumn Festival

Thu, 28 Aug - Sun, 31 Aug
At Ekimae-dori (around Kamikita station),
Tohoku-town.
(GPS coordinate: N40.733106, E141.264701)

Traditional summer festival such as float, bon-dance performance, costume parade will be featured. Of course! Festival foods will be there!!



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